



North Park Planning Committee

Full Board Meeting Draft Minutes: Sept 16, 2025 6:30PM

Meeting Location: North Park Christian Fellowship 2901 N Park Way San Diego, CA 92104

Board Member	Present (online)	Absent (excused)
Malachi Bielecki	X	
Cody Cocanig	X	
Jay Robinson Duff	X	
Lynn Elliott	X	
Krishna Hammond	X	
Neil Heacox	X	
Bob LaRose	X	
Holden Leslie-Bole	X	
Barton Lynch	X	
Johanna Mall	X	
Edgar Ramirez Manriquez	X	
Roger McClish	X	
Doug Schueler	X	
Mark Spitzer		X
Jason Vance		(X)

I. Parliamentary Items

- A. Call to order, roll call, and attendance report
 - 1. 13 present
- B. Agenda modifications
 - 1. Bielecki-McClish motion to adopt consent items
- C. Adoption of agenda
 - 1. McClish-Lynch motion to approve agenda 10-0-0
- D. Adoption of previous month's minutes
 - 1. LaRose-McClish motion to approve passes 10-0-0
- E. Treasurer's Report
 - 1. Balance is \$923. 2 outgoing payments for Zoom and Google. About \$25 total.

II. Non-agenda public comment, announcements, event notices

- A. Sept 30 is the last date to change trash cans with the city to get the price/sizes you want. sandiego.gov/trash
- B. Kathleen Lippitt - City council is voting on a proposal to convert Sierra Mesa library into affordable housing for veterans. There's no greenspace around it and there's no handicap space. Veterans with service dogs are 66% less likely to be diagnosed with PTSD. There's not enough room for service dogs in these units and not enough parking.
 - a. 200 people came to yesterday's city council meeting to discuss increased fees on parking.
- C. Sept 18 at there will be [North Park Gallery Nights](#) 5-8PM
- D. 4th monday of this month there's a rec council meeting at 6PM at the rec center

III. Elected Official & Planner Reports

- A. Chris Gris, Assemblymember Chris Ward, 78th Assembly District
christopher.gris@asm.ca.gov
1. [Community coffee](#) coming up Sat Sept 27 at 9:30AM at Normal Heights Community Center
 2. Gris has 7 bills on Newsom's desk.
 3. AB253 permitting reform would allow homeowners and developers to use licensed private professionals to do inspections if it's taking too long from city
 4. AB474 Shared Housing Act supports nonprofit home sharing programs for seniors
 5. AB1103 on veteran mental health to streamline care process
 6. AB629 school district equipment inventory - will save school time and money by reducing paperwork
 7. Civics contest for 4th, 8th, and 10th graders. Deadline Sept 17. [Details here.](#)
- B. Randy Reyes, Hon. Todd Gloria, City of San Diego, randyreyes@sandiego.gov
1. [Sandiego.gov/wildfires](http://sandiego.gov/wildfires) for resource info on fire
 2. City adopted a coastal resilience plan. Will affect some coastal areas with sea walls, plantings, traffic/parking changes to reduce erosion
- C. Logan Braydis, Hon. Stephen Whitburn, City Council Dist. 3, (619) 236-6633
LBraydis@sandiego.gov
1. Council passed plan to charge for parking in Balboa Park. Whitburn voted against it and had proposed changes to the plan that were not put in place. Will begin Jan 1. Higher rates for non-residents, free/reduced parking for staff and volunteers. InsideSanDiego.org for details
 2. Traffic calming measures are coming to NP. Quick build demonstration coming soon with a few groups including AARP. More info will come on this soon.
 3. Whitburn submitted memos to the transportation dept regarding intersections at Louisiana/Madison and Utah/Upas for always stops. Transportation dept will review these requests and submit a work order if feasible. This should take 2-4 months.
 4. Transportation dept made improvements at Normal/Park/El Cajon intersection including new striping and bigger signs to make the turns easier to follow. \$600k for feasibility study for longer-term fixes. Traffic signal will be upgraded this year.
 5. [Community rec needs assessment](#) to better understand needs of the community. There's a survey online people can fill out.
 6. Caltrans/City agreement to clear encampments only covers freeways near downtown, the 5 and the 94. 1 year pilot program. State will reimburse the city up to \$400k in expenses to clear these encampments.
 7. Progress on shade structures in the mini park.
 8. No response yet to our stormwater letter.
 9. Arnold St resident sent some emails to the city about traffic abatement issues including someone who hit a child with their car.
 10. Community parking districts are facing some changes on how they can spend their money
 11. University Ave mobility project should be completely done, but there's an issue with bus lane striping.
 12. El Cajon/Mississippi light project - no update on timeline
- D. Zar Shain, Head Librarian, NP Library (619) 533-3972 SDhain@sandiego.gov
1. Schedule has been changed. They still have preschool activities, genealogy workshops, art of decluttering for adults

2. You can check out a lot of things at library including a park pass for state parks and camping/backpacking equipment
 3. NP and UH library both have activities for all ages
- E. Jenny Hall, SD Police Community Relations Officer, jmason@pd.sandiego.gov
1. University Ave shoplifting issues at the Target. There have been undercover operations there by SDPD. CVS nearby had same issue.
 2. 2800 block of Upas - on Aug 31 at 1:30AM there was a home invasion where a man went into the shower. No harm done to homeowner but officers were called. He was taken into custody. Suspect kicked and bit an officer.
 3. Someone breaking in and sleeping in a courtyard of their complex. 3322 Nile St.
 - a) Submit to police section of city website.
- F. Lynn Elliott, CPC
1. No meeting

IV. Consent Items

- A. PFT: Approve letter requesting implementation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) along key North Park bus corridors including El Cajon Boulevard, University Avenue, 30th Street, and Park Boulevard.
1. Cocanig-LaRose motion to approve passes 13-0-0

V. Action/Informational Items

- A. **Information:** Aaron Null, Founder & Executive Director Street Stewards, presentation streetstewards@gmail.com
1. Litter pickup group founded in 2018 in OB. They're now in 11 communities across the county. [On their website you can adopt streets in the area and record cleanups.](#)
- B. **Information:** Jacqueline Penhos, presentation related to Hugs and Bags, a nonprofit that helps unhoused families and students in North Park
1. Started this org 10.5 years ago for unhoused youth ages 5-22. There are 10k unhoused students in SD, many in this area. H&B supplies lots of needs, physical and mental health. Meal distributions every Monday 10AM-12PM at Trolley Barn Park with donated food from restaurants.
 2. Food and toiletries are most important things to donate.
 3. Clients normally come to H&B through word of mouth but can also connect via social media or a call/text at 619-799-1078
 4. [Donations and volunteering can be coordinated on the website.](#)
- C. **Information:** 32nd and Thorn Street Mural Art Project: petition to be circulated; identifying local artists and designs; setting up a fundraiser to sponsor the project
1. Expressive arts company is going to reach out to the city to assess feasibility of the mural like they've done in downtown areas.
 2. Mural would be in the intersection with durable paint.
 3. There are now crosswalks and red curbs on every corner of the intersection.
 4. Initial funding and maintenance are the issues to be worked out on this project.
- D. **Information:** Holden Leslie-Bole, presentation on traffic safety options from the city's Traffic Calming Guidelines Manual
1. Goal of traffic calming is to reduce the downsides of vehicle use. NP should be designed for safety of all street users.
 2. City of SD general plan has a priority on safe, secure, and walkable neighborhoods.
 3. Residents can fund these projects if they can gather the money, also CIP and grants
 4. There are lots of different tools we can request, need to understand the tools so we can fit the tool to the need

VI. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Urban Design & Project Review: Chair Jay Robinson Duff
 - 1. 32nd and Thorn project already discussed above
 - 2. Discussed pilot process for AB413 which included how NPPC could identify locations to gather support for.
- B. Public Facilities & Transportation: Chair Doug Schueler
 - 1. Traffic signal priority letter already discussed
 - 2. Discussion about traffic safety options
 - 3. NPMS mobility committee had a meeting Sept 23rd to look at some of the items on our CIP list
 - 4. Launch of SD community rec needs assessment, see above
 - 5. [SANDAG survey coming up to review draft environmental impact report](#)
 - 6. MTS rep will come to PFT Oct meeting to discuss transit improvements
- C. Communications: Chair Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
 - 1. Discussed letter template to standards communications. Let Edgar know if any other templates would be useful.
 - 2. Updated parts of website.
 - 3. Discussed launch of [red curb space to community place petition](#). This would be for creative reuse of daylighting space including gardens, bike racks, etc. Petition just gauges interest for now.

VII. Liaison Reports

- A. Maintenance Assessment District: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
 - 1. Discussed upcoming FY26 budget
 - 2. Bringing a list of repairs including street lights and landscaping
 - 3. MAD engineering report limits maintenance that happens in NP. They discussed revising the report so more requests could be included.
- B. North Park Main Street: Bob LaRose
 - 1. [Vintage Market](#) sept 20th
 - 2. Mobility meeting Sept 23rd
 - 3. [Taste of NP](#) Oct 4th
 - 4. [Putt-oberfest](#) coming up Oct 29th
 - 5. [Walkabout app](#) matches events to people in NP
- C. Balboa Park Committee: Bob LaRose
 - 1. All about parking
- D. Adams Avenue Business Association: Roger McClish
 - 1. [Street fair](#) this Saturday and Sunday
- E. El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association: Lynn Elliott
 - 1. Didn't meet
- F. University Heights Community Association: Edgar Ramirez Manriquez
 - 1. Presentation for first time homeowners
 - 2. There's a NPPC section in their newspaper

VIII. New Business

- A. None

Adjournment: Lynch motion, adjourned 8:29PM

- B. Next meeting: Oct 21, 6:30PM